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Renata B. Hesse  
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Dear Ms. Hesse,

I am opposed to the proposed DOJ / Microsoft remedy. As a manager of a small municipal water system I am responsible for a variety of computer hardware and software systems that are used to supply water to our customers. Some of these software applications are non-Microsoft middle-ware products. I am concerned about the future viability of the companies that produce this software if Microsoft continues its anticompetitive behavior that it has exhibited. I am also concerned about future file format compatibility issues.

The settlement that the US Department of Justice reached with Microsoft will do little, if anything to remedy the many behaviors that Microsoft has been found guilty of engaging in. The oversight committee that was to be formed is too small to be effective. This group also needed sufficient resources to properly monitor and control illegal practices in a timely manner.

I urge the Court to seek a settlement that would provide benefit to software customers and the public. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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